



THE
ROMAN
BATHS
BATH

WHERE HISTORY COMES ALIVE


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Welcome

Discover one of the finest spas of the ancient world at the Roman Baths. Walk on Roman pavements, explore the historic bath houses, get up close to the golden goddess Minerva, and discover how the people of Britain lived, worked and played in Aquae Sulis.

 Book your tickets online
romanbaths.co.uk



Step back in time...

Discover the Sacred Spring that has risen for thousands of years at the heart of our site. And follow its mineral-rich waters as they flow through the ingenious Roman plumbing to fill the many baths and pools.

The beautiful Great Bath is the centrepiece of the complex, with its ornate columns and deep sense of what has gone before.

See where the Romans kept fit in the remains of a gym and Laconicum (sauna) and learn about the exercises they did and their attitudes to health and wellbeing.

Wander the walkways, while away time by the waters and you'll get a unique perspective on what it would have been like to slip into these inviting baths. You'll even get a chance to taste the famous water from a dedicated drinking tap.

Below: The Roman Gym



...and immerse yourself in history

Believing the warm waters to be sacred, the Romans dedicated the site to Sulis Minerva, goddess of wisdom.

They built a temple to honour her and altars for worship and sacrifice. As one of only two classical temples remaining from Roman Britain, this is a place with real historical significance. And the perfect spot to soak up the wealth of ancient artefacts from the area including the 17,660 Roman coins known as the Beau Street Hoard.

Marvel at the striking gilt-bronze head of the goddess Sulis Minerva – one of the most iconic and rare treasures of Roman Britain. Spot the famous Gorgon's head that dominates the Temple pediment, and learn about the curse tablets, which were thrown into the Sacred Spring to seek divine retribution on those who had committed wrongdoings.

Main picture: Gilt-bronze head of Sulis Minerva

Inset: Curse Tablet



See stories brought to life

Come face to face with history when you meet our real-life Romans: people who lived and worked in Aquae Sulis 2,000 years ago.

These colourful characters will happily answer your questions, fill you in on what life was like and even pose for a portrait if you ask nicely.

And when our actors are otherwise engaged, you'll have access to a choice of informative audio guides in 12 languages, as well as children's versions, a new Roman Baths Activity Book, CGI projections and reconstructions throughout the exhibitions. So, you can really get a feel for what life was like in Aquae Sulis, not to mention what visiting Romans got up to during their time at the baths.

Roman Baths events

FAMILY EVENTS

Drop into our family events (free with admission). These crafty sessions, based on ancient history and the Roman Baths, run during school holidays. Look out for our seasonal trails throughout the year.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

i See romanbaths.co.uk for full programme and how to book

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

T'ai Chi on the Terrace

Join Paddy Nisbett, a qualified private instructor, for weekly sessions of T'ai Chi on the Terrace. Tuesdays, 8am – 8.30am

Greco-Roman Medicine Day School

Saturday 24 January 2024, 10am – 4pm
Roman Baths Clore Learning Centre (further Day Schools to be confirmed)

Silent Disco at the Roman Baths

Friday 9 February, December 2024 and January 2025 (dates to be confirmed)

OUT AND ABOUT

Local History Centre – Lansdown

Wednesdays 29 May and 11 September
Tours 10am, 12pm and 2pm
Booking essential



Local History Centre tour



Magical Evenings

Slow down time and experience the captivating beauty of the Great Bath, lit by flickering torchlight.

During the Easter weekend and summer evenings we will be open later to allow you to linger as the sun sets and enjoy a drink from our pop-up bar.

Available on select dates during summer holidays

World-class learning

The school and learning experience at The Roman Baths Clore Learning Centre offers an educational visit like no other.

Students can become mini-archaeologists and mini-curators as they participate in learning sessions which include an excavation trench and handling real Roman artefacts.

i Find out more at romanbaths.co.uk/schools-roman-baths for all learning resources including our virtual learning packages



Discover Bath's heritage at the World Heritage Centre

Bath World Heritage Centre, just a stone's throw from the Roman Baths, is a great starting point for exploring Bath. Discover more of our special city and create wonderful memories by picking up trails or downloading the mobile app.

i Find out more at bathworldheritage.org.uk



Left: Investigation Zone, Clore Learning Centre
Above: Bath World Heritage Centre



Refuel and relax in the Pump Room

The Georgian Pump Room has been the social heart of Bath for more than two centuries, boasting Jane Austen and Charles Dickens amongst its previous patrons.

Join us for morning bakery, Champagne brunch or afternoon tea menus. With every session being serenaded by our resident pianist or the Pump Room Trio, it's a truly unforgettable experience.

i For something really special, take a look at thepumproombath.co.uk, where you can find out about our seasonal evening dining and other special events throughout the year.

Exceptional shopping

Our on-site shop, which is also accessible without a ticket to the Roman Baths, offers a unique range of beautiful souvenirs and locally made products inspired by our collection. There is something for everyone including jewellery, prints, books, homeware, bathing products, games and much more.

Below: Exclusive Roman Baths water bottle



Image: Rich Howman, Elan Images

Weddings & events

Make your event unforgettable at this extraordinary and award-winning venue!

The Roman Baths & Pump Room is an awe-inspiring and enchanting setting for weddings, gala dinners, corporate gatherings, and parties.

With a history spanning over 2000 years, this atmospheric location sets the stage for intimate or grand events, accommodating up to 320 guests.

i Book a viewing with one of the events team – call **01225 477786** or find out more at bathvenues.co.uk.

Planning your visit

Tickets and payments

Please pre-book your tickets to avoid disappointment.

Luggage

Luggage, including large rucksacks and pull-along cases, is not permitted on site.

Bringing baby?

While we welcome babies on-site, due to the ancient pavements, we ask that you use a baby carrier rather than a pushchair. We have a limited number of baby carriers we can offer upon request. Baby changing facilities are available and we are proud to be breastfeeding friendly.

Accessibility

It is important to us that we're able to welcome anyone who wants to visit the Roman Baths.

Mobility

Our facilities are 90% wheelchair accessible. See our website for the full accessibility guide.

Mobility scooter

We have one motorised scooter, which can be used by visitors whose own motorised scooters exceed a width of 1200mm, as scooters larger than this are not compatible with some of our lifts. Please note that our motorised scooter is not available for reservation and not for general use.

Visually impaired visitors

We offer fully descriptive tours for visitors with sight impairments or can arrange special hosted sessions if you prefer.

Braille and Tactile models for visual impairments

We have some Braille information panels and tactile models.

Hearing impaired visitors

We offer a British Sign Language audio tour providing an interesting insight into our baths and exhibitions.

Assistance dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome on site.

Happy to help

Many of our team are trained Dementia Friends and we are proud to have received an Autism Friendly award.





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Large Visitor
Attraction

Bronze
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Inclusive Tourism

Gold
Wedding Venue
of the Year

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Inclusive tourism

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Wedding Venue
of the Year



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The Roman Baths

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Open every day
Except 25 and 26 December

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01225 477785 (10am – 4pm)

The Pump Room Restaurant:
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